SCI Model System Posts New Forum Video

The Northwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury System (NWRSCIS) recently posted the new forum video, *Spasticity and SCI, Part 2: Real Life Stories—A Panel Discussion*. Spasticity is an almost universal complication of SCI, but the way it manifests itself varies from person to person. In this panel discussion, four individuals with SCI share their unique experiences with spasticity, treatments they have tried over the years, and strategies they use to manage spasticity. The discussion is moderated by Dr. Jeanne Hoffman, UW professor and clinical psychologist in the UW Department of Rehabilitation Medicine. View the forum video [here](#). See NWRSCIS’ complete list of SCI videos [here](#).

Model System Researcher Presents Keynote Address at Texas Woman’s University

T. George Hornby, PhD, PT, research scientist of the Midwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury Care System (MRSCICS), delivered the keynote address at the 12th Annual Research Conference at Texas Woman’s University (TWU) on December 3, 2015. Dr. Hornby’s presentation was entitled, *Walking the Walk: Translation of Research Evidence to Clinical Practice to Improve Walking Function After Stroke and Spinal Cord Injury*. Learn more about the conference [here](#).

University of Michigan Spinal Cord Injury Model System Collaborates with the MSKTC to Develop Upcoming Hot Topic Module

The University of Michigan Spinal Cord Injury Model System (U-M SCIMS) recently completed filming for the upcoming hot topic module on bowel function and SCI. Videos for this project will feature an array of individuals with SCI affiliated with the U-M SCIMS who share their experiences with bowel function during interviews and informal group discussions. The videos, which also feature U-M SCIMS doctors, therapists, and nurses, will be released by spring, 2016.

Model System Researcher Collaborates on Article Published in *Spinal Cord*

Denise G. Tate, Ph.D., ABPP, FACRM, principal investigator of the University of Michigan Spinal Cord Injury Model System (U-M SCIMS), served on a committee that developed the International Spinal Cord Injury Activities and Participation Basic Data Set. This information was summarized in the article, *Development of the International Spinal Cord Injury Activities and Participation Basic Data Set* published in *Spinal Cord*. Access the article and view the abstract [here](#).

Model System Receives Funding from Craig H. Neilson Foundation

New England Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center (NERSCIC) was awarded funding from the Craig H. Neilson Foundation, an organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people living with spinal cord injuries through programs and research. The Foundation funds the project, *Knowledge Translation of Spinal Cord Injury Computer Adaptive Tests and Short*
Forms. This project was selected for the Quality of Life Sustainable Impact Project multi-year grant, an award totaling almost $300,000 over a 3 year period. Alan Jette, Ph.D. from Boston University and colleague MJ Mulcahey, Ph.D. from Thomas Jefferson University are the principal investigators for this project.

**Model System Researchers Collaborate on Article Published in *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation***

Charles Bombardier, Ph.D., principal investigator and Jeanne M. Hoffman, Ph.D., co-investigator of the Northwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury System (NWRSCIS), recently collaborated on an article published in the *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*. The article is titled *Depression Trajectories during the First Year after Spinal Cord Injury*. This study was conducted to determine the number and type of depression trajectories during the first year after SCI and to identify predictors of these trajectories. Access the abstract [here](#).

========== Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) ======

**Resource Highlight: Alcohol Use After Traumatic Brain Injury Factsheet**

Alcohol use and TBI are closely related. Up to two-thirds of people with TBI have a history of alcohol abuse or risky drinking. Access the factsheet [here](#).

**TBI Model System Researcher Interviewed for Archives of Physical Medicine Podcast**

Jeffrey Cuthbert, Ph.D., MPH, MSOT, co-principal investigator of the Rocky Mountain Regional Brain Injury System Center (RMRBIS), was interviewed in the latest *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (APMR) Podcast* from the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM). The interview focused on a new article published in APMR from several Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Model System Centers on ten-year employment patterns of working age individuals after moderate to severe TBI. View the abstract [here](#).

===== Burn =====

**Resource Highlight: Discharge Disposition in Older Adults with Burns Quick Review of Research**

This quick review summarizes a study led by Tam Pham, MD, FACS. The study examines hospital discharges from three burn centers to identify factors that predict older burn patients’ independent or non-independent living statuses. Download the quick review [here](#).

**Upcoming Events**

- **Feb 14-19, 2016** 37th Annual John A. Boswick Burn and Wound Care Symposium
- **Feb 22–23, 2016** 2016 State of the Science Burn Research
- **Feb 23-25, 2016** National Leadership Conference
- **Mar 16, 2016** Congressional Brain Injury Awareness Day
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